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SUBJ: PROPOSAL FOR JOINT MEETING OF NATO CAUCUS OF CSCE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON MILITARY MATTERS WITH POLADS

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

1. AT SPC MEETING NOVEMBER 15, CANADIAN REP ANNOUNCED THAT
NATO MEMBERS OF THE CSCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON MILITARY MATTER
"WITH ONE EXCEPTION" (LATER IDENTIFIED AS FRANCE) HAD
ENDORSE IDEA OF A MEETING IN BRUSSELS TO BE HELD JOINTLY
BETWEEN THEMSELVES, SPC OR POLADS TO DISCUSS CBM'S. DATE
PROPOSED WAS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22. CANADIAN REP SAID THAT
HE UNDERSTOOD THE NATO CAUCUS IN GENEVA WOULD BE PREPARED
TO SUBMIT A TENTATIVE AGENDA.

2. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS ENDORSED THIS IDEA AND ACCEPTED
NOVEMBER 22. FRENCH REP SAID HE THOUGHT CONSULTATIONS
DURING THE CHRISTMAS RECESS WOULD BE PREFERABLE BUT
WOULD, OF COURSE, NOT OBJECT IF OTHERS WISHED TO HAVE
SUCH CONSULTATIONS IN THE COMING WEEK.

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3. U.S. REP SUGGESTED THAT POLADS, AT THEIR NOVEMBER 20
MEETING, DISCUSS AGENDA, IF IT WOULD BE PROVIDED BY NATO
CAUCUS BY THAT TIME, WITH A VIEW TO DECIDING WHEN MIGHT BE
BEST TIME FOR JOINT MEETING. U.S. REP CAUTIONED THAT WELL-

KNOWN U.S. VIEWS ON CBM'S WERE NOT LIKELY TO CHANGE AND THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO KNOW WHAT THE PARAMETERS OF THE DISCUSSION WOULD BE BEFORE DEFINITELY SETTING A DATE.

4. SPC AGREED THAT POLADS SHOULD IF POSSIBLE REVIEW SUGGESTIONS TRANSMITTED BY NATO CAUCUS AND THAT IF IT WERE SUBSEQUENTLY DECIDED THAT MEETING SHOULD BE HELD DURING COMING WEEK, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, WOULD BE BEST DATE.

5. COMMENT: WE WOULD APPRECIATE VIEWS OF USDEL CSCE ON THIS MATTER. RUMSFELD

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